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Representative Billy Tauzin
Chairman, Communications Subcommittee
House Commerce Committee
Washington, DC

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RE: Low Power Radio

Dear Mr Tauzin:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

I would like to encourage you to support initiatives for the widest possible use of our radio spectrum—especially in the so called FM band. As it is now, numerous groups who have a legitimate need for broadcasting access simply do not have an outlet for their messages. These groups typically do not have the economic means to afford to buy time at large commercial broadcaster's rates. These groups may include racial minorities, schools, seminaries, churches, political minorities—those that are out of the commercial mainstream in this country, but who nevertheless, should have a voice outlet in their communities.

I understand your concern for the already established broadcasters. I do not think that their investment will be jeopardized by the introduction of low powered signals (under 100 watt, with typical coverage under 8-12 miles radius) and whose target audiences are usually highly focused. The point of most microbroadcasters is to deliver content that is not available in the mass markets—not so much for revenue but for more altruistic reasons such as religious beliefs, concern for others, education, the community.

Another observation on the behavior of large corporate owners of established stations. If any substantial competition were to be presented, I am sure that they would have the means to simply buy or bring over or originate their own competitive version of the microbroadcasters' programming. Either way, the people of these United States benefit from the variety and competition stimulated by the variety of available sources.

Therefore, please consider the least restrictive means in all of your licensing considerations, and give your support to as many voices as can be accommodated. You and your family and neighbors will all truly be the beneficiaries.

Yours for a free and strong America,

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